

thePost

Vol. 81, No. 38

September 22, 2006

NEWSNOTES



Wayne Cook

THREE-RING FUN -- Bright lights and balloons were just the beginning at the Carson & Barnes Circus at Fort Dix Sept. 15. More photos, page 6.

Hydrant testing scheduled, may cause water discoloration

The Fort Dix Fire Department will conduct hydrant testing in the housing areas during the week of September 25 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Residents are advised that this testing may cause discoloration in the water system, and they should avoid washing clothes during this time period. Residents should also let their water run for several minutes to clear any discoloration.

Main Gate closed for memorial ceremony

Access to post through the Main Gate will be closed Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the memorialization ceremony naming the gate in honor of Spc. Philip Spakosky, Co. A, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Spakosky, 25, from Browns Mills, died May 14, 2004, of injuries he sustained May 13 in Karbala, Iraq when shot by a sniper.

Those who normally use the gate during those hours are advised to detour up Saylor's Pond Road through Wrightstown to the Wrightstown Gate.

Public Lands celebration to benefit Laurel Pond

Volunteers are needed as Fort Dix will celebrate Public Lands Day at Laurel Pond Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Projects will include plantings, clean-up and other environmentally-friendly tasks.

Refreshments will be served, and t-shirts will be given to the first 100 volunteers. Remember to dress for yard work.

For more information or to register, call 562-2467.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Fair with clear skies and light winds, high of 70 and overnight low of 45 degrees.

SATURDAY -- Cloudy with chance of rain, high of 77 degrees and low of 61.

SUNDAY -- Light showers, breezy, high of 76 and overnight low of 55 degrees.

MONDAY -- Partly cloudy, chance of light rain, high of 71 degrees and low of 53.

TUESDAY -- Fair, sunny skies and high of 71. Overnight low of 42 degrees.

Retirees lauded at Dix

Info session packs gym at annual open house

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Griffith Field House was packed on September 16 -- not with people pushing their bodies to the limits of strength and endurance, but with more than 650 military retirees and their families.

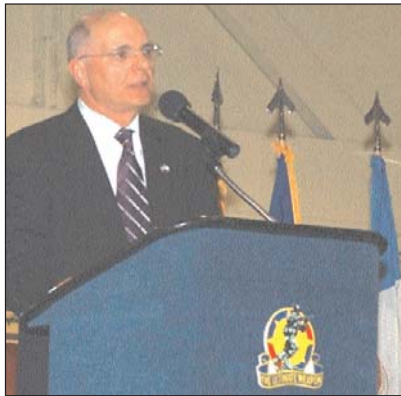
It was Retiree Appreciation Day, and retirees came from far and near to learn the newest information on benefits and to take advantage of the scheduled identification and vehicle registration services.

Booths were set up around the gymnasium providing information and services from organizations such as the Department of Defense Police, 305th Medical Group, Military Officers Association of America, Red Cross, and many others.

Plenty of pamphlets were handed out and along with collectibles and shirts for sale.

Free drawings for shopping gift cards at the commissary and Post Exchange were also on the menu.

The group was addressed by members of MOAA during a briefing session hosted by the Fort Dix Retirees



Wayne Cook

BENEFIT ALERT -- Retired Lt. Col. Ray Russell, MOAA representative, reviews national pending legislation that would impact military retirees during Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Dix Sept. 16 at Griffith Field House.

Council and the Retirement Services Office on post.

First, Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson, installation command sergeant major, spoke to the audience.

"It is important for the young Soldiers of today to know that their sacri-

fices are as appreciated as those of our Soldiers who fought in World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam," Davidson told those in attendance.

"We are committed that all of you receive the type of support that you deserve. The most important recruiter

in our nation is you, the retiree, as you interact with young people today," he said.

Next up to the podium was retired Navy Cmdr. John Glass, MOAA Health Care representative, who informed the retirees on the state of some of their medical benefits. He first emphasized that MOAA's focus is to take care of the people.

"We believe you can take care of the people and the equipment issues," Glass said.

"It is absolutely unbelievable how important it is to mobilize the members of retiree organizations because the numbers are important when we are trying to get things done through Congress," said Glass.

He spoke on issues such as Tricare fees, co-pays for medications (mail-order and retail), survivor benefits, Veteran's Disability Benefit Commission, and Guard and Reserve benefits.

Glass was followed by retired Air Force Lt. Col. Ray Russell, a representative of the Lakes and Pines Chapter at Fort Dix of MOAA.

Russell is known by many as "the voice of the veteran" because he is the representative on legislative issues for the chapter.

Russell shared the 2006 legislative goals of the MOAA -- retirement/survivor issues/health care.

He spoke vigorously on the need to pass "A Vet is a Vet" legislation which will give benefits and credit to all military members who served honorably, whether or not they retired.

Russell went on to exhort the packed audience to be aware of the

(continued on page 8)

Employees visit results of their labor

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

Trainers at the Fort Dix's tactical training base unveiled a new improved theater immersion training site Wednesday to the post civilian workforce that supports mobilizing Soldiers for the Global War on Terrorism.

Maj. Christine Borgognoni spoke to more than a hundred post civilian employees at what Soldiers call FOB Theater on the importance of theater immersion training.

"The Fort Dix commander, Col. David McNeil, wants you to see first hand the work you do for us as trainers and for the Soldiers deploying overseas," she said.

"We as trainers can not do our jobs unless we receive the support from the civilian workforce—the maintainers—of keeping the Soldiers ready to deploy."

For many civilians, it was the first time seeing the 40-plus acre training site used as a daily 24-hour operational training platform for Soldiers preparing to engage on the Global War on Terrorism. For others, they witnessed the improved changes in the training area this year. The tours will be conducted for all civilian employees.

One of the major changes is a new dining facility. Soldiers now grab their food and eat standing up. In the next few weeks, they will be able to sit down in a huge tent, a facility similar to ones they may find in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"I am really impressed with how such a facility can be placed in such an austere environment," Karen Schmanke, of the post's Internal Review Office, said.

At this time, the FOB includes 115 large tents, and is expected to increase to 120 by next year, with the possible use of bunk beds to expand capacity. Other upgrades either under review or underway include the installation of an engagement skills trainer for marksmanship training, improved drainage at the site, additional light poles, and a well for the showers. The perimeter of the tactical training base has also been cleared so those conducting force protection of the camp can establish more realistic fields of fire for defense from insurgent attacks.

Other improvements at the site include the ability for Soldiers to e-mail home through the use of wireless technology, the addition of medical trailers, and an additional combative training area.

"You really don't appreciate every

(continued on page 8)



David Moore

TIGER DINER -- Fort Dix civilian employees check out the amenities at the field dining facility during a familiarization tour of Tiger Base, the post's Forward Operating Base for mobilizing Soldiers.



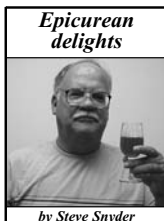
Ed Mungin

On the bubble for Boys and Girls Club

Jennifer Gallet, 11, checks the view from the bottom of the Dunk Tank, one of many family-oriented activities during Boys and Girls Club Day at the Youth Center Sept. 16.

Visit Fort Dix on the Internet at <http://www.dix.army.mil>

Cream Ridge Winery creme de la creme



Epicurean delights

by Steve Snyder

I like wine tastings. You can hop around, sample different vintages and cart home what looks promising. So I eagerly anticipated attending the Harvest and Pig Roast Festival at the Cream Ridge Winery up on Route 539 just before you hit Allentown, N.J.

But several factors proved discouraging.

The samples one was given to sip were small, as usual, but attendees didn't seem to encourage coming back for seconds. And single glass fulls were not available for purchase (as at other festivals in the state) to quench one's thirst while encouraging enlightenment.

And the much-touted roast pork sandwich didn't seem especially tasty, maybe even not worthy of slaughtering a pig.

Those quibbles aside, I confess to finding the available wines delectable and Cream Ridge's owner's tour, a lecture really, extremely interesting and relevant to any discriminating drinker's education in trekking towards bacchanalia.

The Cream Ridge Winery opened in 1988. Tom Amabile and family own and operate the establishment in what appears to be a genuine labor of love.

The winery specializes in fruit wines and won the New Jersey Governors Cup for their Cherry Wine (Cilegia Amabile) in 2005, the sixth time they've won such an honor (four times for their Cherry wine, once for cranberry and another time for plum). According to Cream Ridge's Web page (<http://www.creamridgewinery.com/home.html>), they walked away with 14 awards at this year's state wine competition, including five gold medals for their Cherry Wine (the Cilegia Amabile, again), Wainford White, May Wine, AlmondBerry Wine and Plum Wine.

And Cream Ridge was also named 2005's NJ Winery of the Year.

Tom Amabile, says he thinks



Steve Snyder

AFTERNOON DELIGHT -- Wine sippers sample differing vintages at the Harvest and Pig Roast Festival sponsored by the Cream Ridge Winery Saturday. Festivities run into Sunday, featuring samplings of Apricot, Cherry, Riesling and other wines, along with gourmet food.

winemaking to be an art, not a science. Consider how he goes about creating his award-winning cherry wine.

First, he purchases 6,000 pounds of fresh-picked New Jersey-grown Mountmorency cherries from Larchmont Farms in Mount Laurel. This type of wine produces the best cherry pies and cherry wine because of its nutty, almond overtones.

And a wine can never be better than the fruit which produces it, he notes.

While grapes naturally contain the right amounts of sugar, pectin, nutrients, water, acid, color (from the skins) and yeast (found on the wax of the grape), the winemaking process becomes more difficult when you're trying to make fruit and berry wines, especially with cranberries, red raspberries and cherries because of their high acid contents.

The most vital ingredient in making wine is sugar. Any crushed fruit or grape has what Amabile calls its "magic level" of 22 percent sugar which, when that fruit is fermented to dryness, yields an alcohol content of about 11 percent.

Amabile refused to go above that level because imbibers would taste only the alcohol at higher levels - sans the fruit. He has to add a lot of sugar to bring

his cherry wine (cherries normally having only a 12 percent natural sugar level in them) up to the level of 22 percent but must guard against adding too much and thus increasing alcohol levels to unpalatable extremes.

Like the man said, it's an art. Cream Ridge Winery best-sellers include white wines like Chardonnay (dry, \$13.95), Kiwine (Chardonnay with an essence of kiwi, \$13.95), May Wine (Chardonnay & Niagara with essence of woodruff Serve with strawberries, \$13.95) and an Eastern White (Niagara & Catawba, semi-sweet and fruity) at \$7.95.

Bush wines include Country Blush (similar to White Zinfandel, semi-sweet, at \$7.95) and a Spice Wine (mulled wine with cinnamon & nutmeg) at \$8.95.

Red wines in Fredonia (\$12.95), Pinot Noir (light, dry at \$13.95), Red Zinfandel, dry, oak-aged at \$13.95 and Merlot (oak-aged and dry) at \$13.95.

The Dry Cherry and Cherry (Cilegia Amabile) both run at \$14.95 with other specialized fruit wines costing a few dollars more.

I think I'll buy some Cilegia Amabile, described as lightly sweet by Amabile. Why argue with success?



www.bbram.couvidland-bc.com



Steve Snyder

MAINSTAY -- Founded by Tom Amabile in 1988, the Cream Ridge Winery is going stronger than ever almost 30 years later. It's located at 145 Route 539, just several miles north of where Routes 539 and 537 intersect.



Steve Snyder

FOUNDING FATHER -- Tom Amabile expounds on the passion of his life - winemaking - during last week's Harvest and Pig Roast Festival at his Cream Ridge Winery.



Steve Snyder

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE -- Devotees of the grape gather to listen to Mr. Amabile's tips on wine and winemaking at last week's festival at the Cream Ridge Winery.



Steve Snyder



Steve Snyder

GOD'S COUNTRY -- Vineyards, left, line fields behind the Cream Ridge Winery.

Italian journalist spoke truth to power

Oriana Fallaci, 1929-2006

Oriana Fallaci was the first female superstar reporter in the modern media age.

During the 1960s and 70s, the feisty Italian covered wars and interviewed the famous, seldom failing to be provocative and usually leaving her subjects reeling, if not ragging.

She interviewed celebrities ranging from American Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to the Shah of Iran, Iran's radical ruler Ayatollah Khomeini to Poland's courageous labor leader Lech Walesa, American newscaster Walter Cronkite to Libya's erratic leader Omar Khaddafi and Palestinian strongman Yasser Arafat, Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini to James Bond's alter ego Sean Connery, the daughter of a legend, Indira Gandhi, to the mother of a nation, Golda Meir.

Her career had quite a run. Critics heaped scorn upon Kissinger, whom Fallaci got in to compare himself to a lone cowboy cleaning up a town. Fallaci shed her chador in front of Khomeini, saying, "I'm going to take off this stupid, medieval

rag right now!" She bickered with Arafat, blasting him for "contradicting himself every five minutes" and for not being able "to put together a complete sentence." She insulted Fellini, for some reason or another lost in time.

But the Italian bombshell paid her dues, too. Born in Florence, Italy, Oriana joined the anti-German resistance despite her youth. She became a journalist in her teens, starting at an Italian paper in 1945 before becoming a correspondent in Vietnam in 1967, covering the Indo-Pakistani War along with turmoil in the Middle East and South America.

Prior to the Summer Olympics in Mexico in 1968, Fallaci was shot three times and left for dead by Mexican armed forces.

A left-leaning liberal through much of her early career, Fallaci became disenchanted with her old heroes like the North Vietnamese, Arab rebels like Arafat and, generally, bad actors anywhere.

She retired from writing in 1992 after being diagnosed with



www.lindasog.com

Oriana Fallaci

the breast cancer that finally killed her this September 14 at her home in Florence.

But outraged by the attacks on 9/11, Oriana's pen roared back. Her newspaper essay, "The Rage and the Pride," later expanded into a book, drove politically correct critics to hysteria with its criticisms of Islam and its followers. At the time of her death, in fact, she was being prosecuted in Italy for "defaming Islam."

So much for free speech.

"When I was given the news, I laughed," she said. "The trial is nothing else but a demonstration that everything I've written is true."

"Europe becomes more and more a province of Islam, a colony of Islam," she wrote. Fallaci objected to "immigrants who settle in our home and who, with no respect for our laws, impose their ideas, their customs, their God."

And nobody imposed upon Oriana Fallaci. - Steve Snyder

Dixan on the street

compiled by Steve Snyder

What is your favorite alcoholic beverage and why?

SFC Marvin Lundy
1/309th 78th Division

"I like a cranberry juice and vodka. I started drinking them at a night club and they went down very smooth."



Tech. Sgt.
Marijo Windsor
177th Flight Wing
Atlantic City

"I like wine - Merlot. It's not too sweet and not real dry. I started drinking them in Germany in 1989."



Harold Miller
(RET) Army

"Merlot... I started three or four years ago. I like the taste and try to drink red wine (reputed to be good for the heart)."



SFC Art Dulla
Platoon Sgt.
C Co., MRB

"I like Merlot (wine). It tastes smooth and dry."



Marvie Kitchen
food service worker
Cinnabon at BXP/PX

"I drink Yuengling, the best beer around."



SSG Chad Jackson
Squad Leader
NCO Academy

"Miller genuine draft (beer). I've been drinking it for about eight years back home in Baltimore. It's one of those beers that's not too strong or too weak."



the Post

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the military. Contents of The Post are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, or Fort Dix. It is published weekly by the Public Affairs Office, Fort Dix, AFRC-PA-PA-CL, Fort Dix, N.J. 08640-5075, (609) 562-5037. Circulation: 9,400.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser/user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

All editorial content of The Post is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the Public Affairs Office of Fort Dix. The Post is printed by The Burlington County Times, Inc., a private firm in no way connected with DA, under exclusive written contract with Fort Dix. The printer is responsible for commercial advertising.

The appearance in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army, or the Burlington County Times, Inc., of the products or services advertised. Queries on news content will be answered by the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office. For advertising call (609) 871-8087.

Visit Fort Dix on the Internet at
<http://www.dix.army.mil>

Post Commander Col. R. David McNeill
Public Affairs Officer/Editor Carolee Nisbet
PA Specialist/Webmaster David Moore
PAO Automation/Admin Beverly Wakefield
PAO Media Relations Pascual J. Flores
PAO Editorial/Features Steve Snyder

Fort Dix Public Affairs Office Contract Workers
Melissa Bird, Wayne Cook, Ed Mingin, Shawn Morris

WE GUARANTEE DELIVERY of your Fort Dix Post
The delivery of your Fort Dix Post newspaper is handled by the Burlington County Times. If for some reason you are not satisfied with the service of your newspaper, please call us direct, 871-8000.



Guard's Citizen-Soldiers making difference on the southern border

Sgt. Jim Greenhill
National Guard Bureau

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (Army News Service, Sept. 21, 2006) — The Department of Homeland Security has seen a drop in the number of illegal immigrants crossing the U.S. border with Mexico for the first time, and the National Guard has made the difference.

So said Michael Chertoff, secretary of that department, during the 128th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States Sept. 18.

"For the first time, we are seeing a reduction in the flow of illegal immigrants," Chertoff said. "This is the first real ... sign we've had of success since we began this effort. It could not be done without the National Guard."

The National Guard's support to the U.S. Border Patrol through Operation Jump Start — "dramatic help," Chertoff called it — is just one reason Americans hold Guard members in high esteem, he said.

"Perhaps never has the critical role of the National Guard — at least in my lifetime — been demonstrated to the people of this country as it has during the past year," the secretary said.

"The National Guard is now recognized by the public as a group of heroes, a group that can step up and handle all missions, whether it's something that nature throws at us or something that terrorists throw at us, overseas or here at home, or whether it's just the pressure of economic migration at the southern border."

Calling the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks a turning point in our lifetimes and a reflection of a war that was already underway between a radical ideology of



Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Christiansen

EYES ON THE LINE — Sgt. Leland Lowery watches for movement on the horizon at the U.S.-Mexican border in San Luis, Ariz., July 30. Lowery and more than 200 Soldiers assigned to the 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, North Carolina Army National Guard, are deployed to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., to train and work with the U.S. Border Patrol in support of Operation Jump Start.

hate and the United States and the West.

Chertoff said the Guard immediately stepped up. "I remember what a comfort it was to see the National Guard on duty," he said.

Because the Guard faces so many important missions at a variety of levels, it will not be detained on the border, he said, outlining how his department is permanently boosting border security.

"We face a very significant challenge," Chertoff said. "Thousands of miles, some of it through some very inhospitable terrain, and a problem with respect to managing the border that goes back 20 years."

The DHS fix includes using new technology such as sensors and vehicle barriers, increased manpower, additional tactical infrastructure such as fences,

roads and lights, and stronger enforcement of the nation's immigration laws.

"We have at long last ended the pernicious policy of catch-and-release," Chertoff said. "That was demoralizing, and it was self-defeating. Now we catch, detain and remove everybody who is here illegally that we catch at the border."

Some 9,000 Border Patrol agents were on duty Sept. 11; more than 12,000 are now; 18,000 are promised by the end of 2008, he said.

"Within a short period of time, we will be announcing a new 21st century high-tech program to bring the kinds of tools that we've refined in other areas in national defense to the border," Chertoff said.

Ramping up a permanent improvement in border security takes time, he said.

"The National Guard has stepped in to give us the kind of immediate support that we have long expected the Guard to be able to offer."

Guard members are providing surveillance, operating detection systems, working in entry identification teams, analyzing information, assisting with communications and giving administrative support to the Border Patrol.

"This literally multiplies the eyes and ears that help the Border Patrol agents on the front line deter and respond to illegal entries," Chertoff said.

"What this allows us to do is to take the Border Patrol away from these critical but back-office missions and put them on the line where they can actually intercept, apprehend and remove the migrants ... coming across illegally."

Tax extension deadline looms for New Jerseyans

IRS NEWS, SPRINGFIELD — An estimated 290,000 New Jerseyans who requested the automatic six-month extension to file their 2005 tax return face the upcoming October 16 deadline.

Nationwide, an estimated 9.6 million taxpayers filed for an extension to submit their tax return this year.

The extension is additional time to file a tax return, not additional time to pay.

This year, for the first time, taxpayers automatically were granted a six-month extension to file their tax return rather than a four-month extension.

Taxpayers who have yet to complete their tax return are encouraged to use IRS e-file to submit their return electronically or use Free File to electronically prepare and send their

return. Both IRS e-file and Free File will remain available for individual taxpayers through the extension period.

In New Jersey, more than

Taxpayers who have yet to complete their tax return are encouraged to use IRS e-file to submit their return electronically or use Free File to electronically prepare and send their return.

two million of the total 4.1 million filers have e-filed their tax returns this year.

This is the first time that New Jersey taxpayers have exceeded the two million mark in electronic tax return filings. Nationwide, over 72 million taxpayers filed returns electronically.

"Don't wait until the last

minute to file your tax return.

If you start now, you can make sure your tax return is accurate and that you've claimed all the credits and deductions available to you," said IRS spokesperson Gregg Semanick. "The easiest way to ensure an accurate tax return is to file your return electronically. IRS e-file is fast, easy and secure."

Free File is the private-public partnership between the IRS and a consortium of tax preparation software manufacturers who formed the Free File Alliance.

The group makes software and electronic filing available free to eligible taxpayers. Any taxpayer who earns \$50,000 or less, which is 62 percent of all New Jersey filers, will find an available software program. Free File is available at IRS.gov.

Newcomers Orientation

Army Community Service will host Newcomers Orientation Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue. Free childcare is available and must be arranged in advance by calling 562-4702. Call ACS at 562-2767 to register for the orientation.

Police Log

What's in YOUR closet?!

Supply Closet Suggestions
7 Day Supply Recommended

Canned meats, fruits and vegetables	Batteries
High-energy foods: nuts, raisins, granola	Matches in a waterproof container
Infant/baby food and supplies	Candles and charcoal
Pet food	Toilet paper, towels
Non-perishable food	Soap/detergent, disinfectant/bleach
Over-the-counter medications	Personal hygiene items
Garbage bags	Paper cups/plates, and plastic utensils
Water (at least a gallon per person daily)	First aid kit, hand sanitizer
Manual can opener	Plastic storage containers

Other important items: flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra clothing, blankets, prescriptions, money (paper and coins), eyeglasses, and important documents.

Be Prepared...Save Money!
Pantry loading at your commissary is a GOOD deal!

This list of items may not be all you need. For more on disaster preparedness: www.ready.gov/nemas www.pandemicflu.gov www.redcross.org

www.commissaries.com



Chemical brigade challenges SIMEX

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers of the 464th Chemical Brigade went to war last week to free an occupied nation – but all of the battlefields were on computer screens at Fort Dix, and the simulation exercise was run by the 78th Lightning Division Training Exercise Directorate.

The brigade-level exercise tested the command staff from the brigade and several subordinate units on the command and control mission, providing it with realistic issues and events and requiring rapid decision-making, according to Col. Scott Haraburda, commander, 464th Chemical Brigade, Johnstown, Pa.

"The training objective is to develop competencies and skills in order for the leadership staff to handle staff responsibilities for the brigade, especially in a war-time scenario," said Haraburda.

"Involved in the exercise are 28 brigade staff members and 24 staff members of the 485th Chemical Battalion," he said. "We have been planning informally for the past year and quite extensively for the last six months with Col. Jenkins and the 78th Division, culminating in this simulation exercise."

During the exercise, the 78th training staff replicates the headquarters and the wartime setting. The staff runs complex and realistic computer simula-

tions of war-time scenarios, to which the unit being trained must react.

"We're here to facilitate the commander's training objectives. We met with the training unit in January to gather the commander's training intent so we could design an exercise to accomplish his training objectives," said Col. Thomas Jenkins, exercise director, 78th Division.

To aid the unit being trained, Furst U.S. Army contracted Military Professional Resources Incorporated (MPRI) to provide senior mentors and subject matter expertise. MPRI provides staff support and mentorship to armies around the world including the U.S. Army. Its employees are primarily former military, law enforcement, diplomatic and private sector leaders with direct experience in the issues at hand.

Assigned to assist the 464th as the senior mentor is retired Lt. Gen. Pete Taylor, former commander of the III Corps assigned to Fort Hood, the 24th Division assigned to Fort Stewart, and the National Training Center in California.

According to Taylor, MPRI assigns observer-controller-trainers to stay with the staff members and observe and give feedback on actions taken by staff members. They also facilitate after-action reviews to brigade and battalion level.

"MPRI always provides one former officer who has expertise

in the field of training. In a typical situation MPRI will work two years with each unit being exercised," said Taylor.

The exercise scenario to be played out for the 464th was to take part in the liberation of a fictitious country in the Middle East. The unit had to be prepared for possible chemical and biological weapons and to deal with a rogue army while bringing support to other units in the arena and freedom to the aforementioned country.

For some of the staff members this was a first-time experience, to others it was a shadow of real-life experiences from the past. Many of the staff members have served overseas during the first Gulf War and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The unit was set up in field conditions at Training Site 33.

"I'm looking for much of the same as we experienced overseas. It's good to get this training for the lower enlisted who haven't been overseas yet," said Sgt. Ken Rutter, operations clerk, 485th Chemical Battalion, who served 18 months in support of OIF.

"I've been through simulation exercises in the past, just not the last three to five years. We just went through the largest nuclear exercise in the country, Red Dragon, back in August. Now we roll into this training to prepare us for going overseas. We use the experience of our Soldiers. You have to work to your strengths. Our goals are to



Wayne Cook

THE DIGITAL WAR-- Spc. Bryan Bush, S3 clerk, 464 Chemical Brigade, gets hands on training during a simulation exercise conducted by the 78th Lightning Division to hone the skills of the Soldiers in the brigade and its subordinate units. For many in the brigade this is the closest they have been to a real battlefield so the training is crucial in the preparation for the real thing.

come together as a team, analyze what our mission is and execute it to standard," said Maj. Shawn Sullivan, operations officer, 485th Chemical Battalion.

"I'm learning the other side of things from my past. Being

part of the command and control element is really interesting. Before I was a Soldier in the field and had no idea what went on in the command section. The three days I have spent working on the preparation for the exercise have been great. I enjoyed

learning how to accomplish the tasks necessary to stand up the command and control element. Being in the unit for a year now I finally get to see how it all works from the inside," said Spc. Bryan Bush, operations clerk, 464th Chemical Brigade.

Army's Future Force Warrior passes major milestone

NATICK, Mass. (Army News Service) – The Army's Future Force Warrior system is one step closer to being fielded as the Ground Soldier System following a successful demonstration in August of its electronic networking capability.

Developed and managed by the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center with General Dynamics C4 Systems as the lead integrator, FFW is the Army's flagship science and technology program, aimed at integrating "best in class" technologies from the Army's Research, Development,

and Engineering Command (RDECOM) enterprise, other government agencies and industry to enhance the combat effectiveness of the Soldier and small combat unit.

This marks a major milestone for the program, said Carol Fitzgerald, program manager for the FFW Advanced Technology Demonstration.

"This was the first of two incremental design phases. We have successfully demonstrated network interoperability of the Soldier/small combat unit with the future force network," she

said. "To achieve this success, NSC has worked with a number of their sister centers, including the Communications and Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC).

"Natick participated in CERDEC's Command, Control, Communication, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) On-the-Move program," said Fitzgerald. "This allowed us to leverage an important Army field experimentation venue to assess multiple developmental

technologies addressing future force network integration, including FFW."

Some FFW field testing was conducted at Fort Dix last month, under the C4ISR program.

As the lead organization for the FFW ATD, NSC is responsible for the successful integration of all FFW-related technologies developed by government and non-government partners and

ensuring that the final product seamlessly incorporates state-of-the-art technologies into one Soldier-friendly package.

"Through NSC's participation in this experiment, the Army has gained valuable Soldier feedback on network/communications capabilities as well as Soldier acceptance feedback regarding the many aspects of the advanced FFW combat ensemble," said Fitzgerald.

The FFW Increment 1 capabilities demonstrated at the OTM included: SCU integration into the future force network via the Soldier Radio Waveform; demonstration of the Soldier Protective Individual Equipment System, and advanced body armor and load carriage system, to name a few of the technology developments.

—Story by U.S. Army Soldier Systems



Sgt. 1st Class David Moore enhanced image
TRACKIN'--Staff Sgt. Robert Price, of the simulation of the New Jersey State Police's Office of Emergency Management tracks events on a computerized map of the Garden State.

J2TDC blasts Hurricane Zelda with Blue Lightning

Sgt. 1st Class David Moore
JFHQ-PAO

If National Guard personnel are going to respond swiftly for humanitarian relief as a result of a hurricane striking the East Coast, they are going to exercise personnel and equipment to meet the humanitarian and safety needs of Garden State citizens.

As a result, Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard huddled around computer screens at the Joint Training and Training Development Center, Fort Dix, to track their responses and hone their state emergency plan that focused on New Jersey in the event the governor declares a state of emergency.

According to the scenario, the National Weather Service reports Hurricane Zelda was scheduled to hit the East Coast, but weather models are unclear of the impact. It was estimated that there would be up to 20 inches of rainfall, with sustained winds that at a best case scenario were to be 80 miles per

"If you look across the floor right now each cubicle simulates an armory, personnel, motor pool and drill floor."

Master Sgt. Karl Tomaszewski

J2TDC

hour. High winds and coastal flooding were likely to create power outages and poor road conditions.

To ensure the Guard meets the needs of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Guard levied three major support commands and subordinate units to practice their emergency management skills at the center in the operation known as Blue Lightning.

Soldiers sitting inside their assigned unit designated cubicles, under the sign "All But War is Simulation," poured over maps, as well as tracked their unit personnel, vehicles, and equipment assets across computer screens to secure mission success.

"If you look across the floor right now each cubicle simu-

lates an armory, personnel, motor pool and drill floor," Master Sgt. Karl Tomaszewski said. "As a mission is handed down to the unit from the OEM, we then track the progress of the mission on the screen. We can then track say a vehicle and its progress to provide the emergency support needed in a specified part of the state."

At the center, Maj. Robert Ryan was serving as the National Guard liaison officer, who would be assigned to the New Jersey State Police OEM operation. As the National Guard liaison, his role is to validate county requests for emergency support once they are received from the New Jersey State Police's OEM.

"I have to review all these requirements to ensure we can

support the request. For example, a county has to exhaust all their emergency resources before they get to us. As a result, we are sort of like the last line of defense for a community. Once the request is approved by the OEM, I then turn it over to the Guard's Joint Operation's Center where it then begins becoming resourced," he said.

Some of the requirements Guard Soldiers could face during the military support to civilian authorities operations include military police support for traffic control, transportation, and military equipment usage.

The purpose of the exercise was to track the results of the New Jersey National Guard under its new configuration of units expected to come online Oct. 1 as a result of the Guard's recent transformation, various participants in the 48-hour long exercise explained.

The National Guard Joint Operations Center at Fort Dix and Lawrenceville were also engaged in the exercise.

USAR team keeps track of OIF equipment

Logistic warriors become cold case investigators

Sgt. Carlos M. Burger II
40th PAD

KUWAIT (Army News Service, Sept. 18, 2006) -- In the early stages of the war on terror, the Army Reserve left behind equipment for follow-on units to use in an effort to cut down on deployment time and shipping costs. This equipment came to be known as Stay Behind Equipment, and later Theater Provided Equipment.

As the war continued, active units and units from other services and agencies began using the equipment. Paperwork accompanying the equipment transfers were either misplaced or not completed at all -- to the point where equipment origins became unknown.

Enter Lt. Col. Andrea A. Breyton and her team.

For three years, the Army Reserve has sent a Redeployment, Reconstitution and Asset Visibility Team to capture and document all USAR-owned equipment and to provide greater asset visibility of their equipment in the AOR, she said.

Breyton's six-member team arrived in November 2005 and has split duty at Camp Arifjan and the Victory Base Complex in Baghdad.

"Our team works in conjunction with (ARCENT) C-3 and C-4. C-4 helps us with tracking the equipment and we work with C-3 on Mission Essential Equipment List (MEEL) issues," said Breyton. C-3 and C-4 then advise the Department of the Army on how to better direct unit transfers, she added.

The team communicates with deploying units to get a list of equipment they'll bring to theater. Upon the unit's redeployment, the team ensures the unit has either its original equipment or paperwork showing a transfer of TPE to the Army Material Command, which maintains accountability of the equipment when not in use. The Soldiers also research undocumented equipment transfers from the first two OIF rotations, said Sgt. Major Jonna Pittman, the U.S. Army Reserve Command G4 sergeant major, in Atlanta, Ga.

Since the team's establishment, members have tracked and provided accountability for more than \$1 billion worth of equipment, including fuel distribution systems, trucks, tractors, trailers, water purification systems, laundry and bath equipment, graders, and a wide variety of medical, engineering and transportation equipment, Brey-

ton said.

In addition to saving the Army money, Breyton said she enjoys her time as chief of the team.

"This job is like cold-case files; we use the Army's resources to find out about these undocumented transfers. I work

Since the team's establishment, members have tracked and provided accountability for more than \$1 billion worth of equipment.

with reserve units while deployed and have a better understanding of how the Army manages its equipment," she said.

By capturing and documenting TPE, Breyton and the six-person team provides valuable information to the DA management system.

Their efforts also help ensure Reserve units receive equipment in return for the equipment transferred to other components, services or agencies. Breyton encourages unit leaders concerned about the origin of their TPE or about property accountability to contact her at andrea.breyton@arifjan.arcent.army.mil or (318) 430-6157.



Sgt. 1st Class Jonna Mills
COLD CASE -- Maj. Peter Mueller and Sgt. Maj. Craig Black investigate files in search of Theater Provided Equipment transfers. The six-member Redeployment, Reconstitution and Asset Visibility Team is located in Camp Arifjan and Victory Base in Baghdad.

Read The Post!



Come one, come all, the circus is in town



Lorraine Allen, chief of the Protocol Office, her grandchildren, Breanna and Lorenzo Bailey, and Lt. Col. Cynthia Palinski, commander, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, at left, ride high atop Susan, a 42-year-old Asian elephant escorted by elephant trainer and keeper Randy Peterson during the opening of the show at the Carson and Barnes Circus September 15. Right, What's a circus without clowns? The clowns of the Carson and Bailey Circus entertained the audience with acts of precision and daring-do, antics and frolicking, tumbling and joking, and just any other way that they could think of. The mainstay of any circus, the clown is tradition extraordinaire. Nothing puts people at ease and wipes away the anxiety and worries of the day like a troop of brightly colored and adorned buffoons doing their very best to crack a smile on faces the of young and old alike.



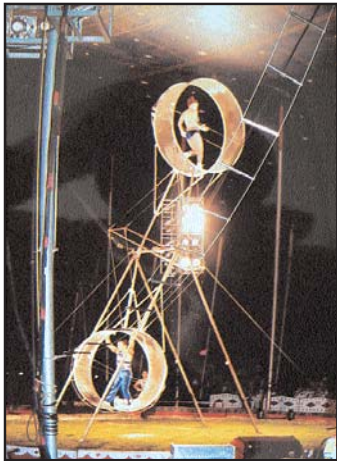
photos by Wayne Cook



At left, Rebekah Willis, of Colorado Springs, Colo., holds her two-year old son DeSean as he makes friends with a Llama during a visit to the circus. The youngster was enamored with the long-necked furry beast from Peru and really enjoyed stroking the animal's soft coat. Right, even with all the rain that fell during the days of the circus performances a pygmy hippopotamus feels the need to cool off in a huge tub of water. Pygmy hippos are indigenous to the dense forests of West Africa, mostly from the Ivory Coast, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The name hippopotamus is from hippos (Greek) a horse, and potamos (Greek) a river - although "river-pig" would be much more appropriate! Unlike their much larger cousins, the pygmy hippo is a solitary animal.



Steve Snyder



Steve Snyder

Adilson, Iragilda, Ademilson, and Gabriela kept the crowd on the edge of their seats with a heart-stopping performance on the death defying Double Wheel of Destiny. The foursome conducted feats of skill and courage inside and outside of the two wheels.

Channel 2

WDIX

24/7 information

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

Art Therapy sessions coming to ACS

Army Community Service is hosting Art Therapy sessions for kids 4-13 years of age. The sessions will be held **Sept. 19 and 26** in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue. Sessions run from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for kids ages 4-8, and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for kids ages 9-13. To register, call 562-2767 or 1 (800) 877-2380.

Lunch & Learn Series coming to Dix school

The Fort Dix Elementary School will host the Lunch and Learn Series **Sept. 21** with Avoiding Homework Hassles and **Sept. 28** with Building a Parent-Teacher Relationship.

The seminars will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call Deraurah Wilson, Family Advocacy Program educator, at 562-4830 for more information.

And don't forget to bring your lunch!

Chinese auction coming to Cookstown VFW

The Cookstown VFW Post 6590 will host a Chinese auction **Sept. 23** at 5 p.m. to benefit the families and deployed Soldiers of Delta Company, 250th BSB.

The \$10 admission fee includes 10 raffle tickets and refreshments. Call Linda Rigby at 877-2956 for more information.

ACS to host free Resume Workshop

Army Community Service, in partnership with the Burlington County College Job Placement Office, will host a free Resume Workshop **Sept. 25** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue.

Register by calling Rod Martell at 562-2186 or sending e-mail to porfirio.rodriguez-martell@dix.army.mil. Seating is limited to 20 people.

Andrews FCU to host free credit seminar

Andrews Federal Credit Union is hosting a free seminar entitled "Solving the Mysteries of Credit" at its Wrightstown Branch **Sept. 26** from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and at the McGuire AFB Family Support Center **Oct. 2** from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

To register by **Sept. 22** call 1 (800) 399-4066 or visit www.andrewsfcu.org.

Basic Training for Small Business coming to ACS

Army Community Service will host Basic Training for Small Business **Sept. 26** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue. This workshop will cover the four major points of marketing: Product, Price, Promotion, Place (Distribution) and how to use them to effectively build your small business.

To register and for access to Fort Dix, call 562-2186 or (856) 225-6221.

Disclaimer: This opportunity is not an endorsement of the company or the company's products or services by Army Community Service, Fort Dix or the United States Army. This is an effort to provide legitimate employment opportunities for the families of "Team Dix" and our service members preparing for retirement or separation.

BCC to host free business conference

Burlington County College will host a free Rural Business Conference **Sept. 27** from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rutgers EcoComplex, 1200 Florence-Columbus Road in Bordentown. The event will offer the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a wide range of governmental, non-profit and business-association resources to help start or grow a business.

The keynote speaker will be Mark Remsa, director of Burlington County Economic

Soldier strives to become 'Military Idol'

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Let's construct a cliché. What might your typical senior citizen think about the popularity of phenomena like the TV show, "American Idol?" "My Gawd, sonny," an elderly gent proclaims, "It's just a bunch of pimply-faced kids, John Travolta wannabes who have neither talent nor the ambition to develop such. All they got is an ego which dwarfs their pea-sized brains," raved the senile old duffer, slapping his cane across his knee.

"Whatever happened to Frank Sinatra? Or Louie Prima?," sputters the old timer before convulsing into a quivering heap, another victim of a massive coronary.

Well, Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring a program Army-wide that's based on Fox's "American Idol." It's called, appropriately enough, "Military Idol" and gives active duty Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines a chance to showcase their vocal abilities. Only singers can apply, the contest being closed to musicians, comedians, dancers, poets, etc.

And Fort Dix has a representative who's survived first round competition. He's **Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner**, who walked away with first round regional honors **Sept. 15** at the Community Club at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn. His renditions of "A House is not a Home" and Luther Vanderross' "Dance With My Father" gained him eligibility to compete in tonight's contest at the club in Hamilton, starting at 6 p.m.

Fort Dix's Morale, Welfare and Recreation is providing limited transportation for fans wanting to attend the event so it may not be too late to



Melissa Bird



Steve Snyder

STRONG VOICE -- Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner, NCOIC at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC), sings the National Anthem, above left, kicking off the Babe Ruth World Series at Yardsville Aug. 17 to celebrate Military Appreciation Night. At right, Turner performs clerical duties related to the JRC.

reserve a spot on the bus or van by calling DMWR's Marketing Manager, Jackie Holliday, at (609) 723-4756.

Turner plans to captivate the judges tonight with his versions of Bobby Caldwell's "What You Want to do with Love" and "Don't You Know That?" Unlike some of the idiots appearing on "American Idol," Turner is no callow, untutored youth. He's been around and his songs are infused with a discipline characteristic of those following a military calling.

Born in Philadelphia and a graduate of Willingston (near Gainesville) High School in Florida, Turner entered the Army in February 1975, completing basic training and AIT at Fort Dix with a military occupation specialty in communications. He served on active duty from 1975 to 1983, serving three

tours in Korea in addition to singular ones at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Polk, La.; and Fort Ord, Calif.

Turner joined the 1079th Garrison Support Unit at Fort Dix in December 2002 and has been activated here since January 2003.

He currently serves as NCOIC at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC).

Turner says he heard of the "Military Idol" program through MWR and decided to give it a shot. After all, he had started singing way back in junior high school; taking piano, voice lessons and studying musical theory for years. He's had vocal coaches, too, singhins with some pretty fast company.

Turner sang with the Delfonics ("La, la, la," "Didn't I blow your mind," etc.), the Intruders and the Times in the Philadelphia area, working clubs as

renowned as the Rivage Club and Cleft Club. He entered various talent contests over the years while working at the Post Office in Philly. But he's 51 now and it would be nice to rack up some national prestige.

Turner has sang at many military events and enjoys offering renditions of the national anthem and other favorites. Installation-level prizes in "Military Idol" competition run in the \$500 range. Those advancing to Army-wide finals Oct. 28-Nov. 6 on Fort Belvoir, Va. stand to up the ante with their units receiving cash stipends also.

But the main point of competition is rewarding talent that has been disciplined with hard work. The Puritan work ethic survives, even in America in 2006 in, of all places, pop music.

Go for it, SFC!

Chaplains' Corner

CPT James B. Collins
Roman Catholic Priest and Chaplain Candidate

Today, the word "community" gets a lot of use. Everyone appears to be so community minded. It seems when anything needs to be done; the first thing that must be done is to consult the community.

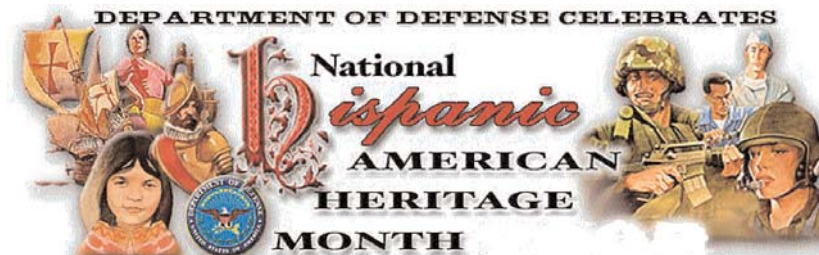
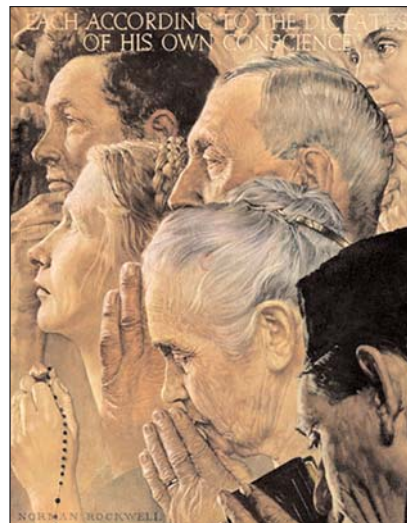
When I lived in Manhattan, I was a card-carrying member of Community Board 8. As Christians, we gather every Sunday as a Community. The aspect of community is important to our relationship with other human beings; it is part of our nature.

The word community comes from the word communion and as Christians we are called to communion with God, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit as well as with others. Since we are made in the image of God, we reflect this unity of the divine persons. We are not just something, but someone.

"The divine image is present in every man. It shines forth in the communion of persons, in the likeness of the unity of the divine persons among themselves." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n.1702) By design, human beings are communal, through giving of ourselves and entering into communion with other persons, we develop our own potential.

By serving others and by our charity to others, we fulfill our vocation. Love of neighbor flows from our love for God. "If a man loves me," says the Lord, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him" (John 14:23). Everyone is called to communion through their vocation in life, whether that is married or single, priesthood or religious, we are all called to share ourselves with others and the Church.

We must always remember that this includes more than those sitting next to us in the pew. This is the Church in heaven, all the angels and saints, the Church in purgatory, and all of us on earth, who comprise the mystical Body of Christ. Communion is the Church, Christ's total gift of Himself. Communion is what we are designed for, communion with God and with one another.



Famous firsts by Hispanic Americans

- An Hispanic American, Alberto Gonzales, is currently the **United States Attorney General**, the top law enforcement officer in the country
- **David G. Farragut** became the first U.S. naval officer ever to be awarded the rank of **admiral**. It was Farragut who stormed, at the battle of Mobile Bay in the Civil War, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."
- **The first female Hispanic astronaut** was Ellen Ochoa, who began the first of her four shuttle missions in 1991.
- **Oscar Hines** won the **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction** in 1990 for his novel *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*.
- **Jose Ferrer** won an Oscar as 1950's best actor in *Cyrano de Bergerac*.
- **Geraldo Rivera** was named **Broadcaster of the Year** in 1971.
- **Roberto Clemente** was the first Hispanic American to be inducted into baseball's **Hall of Fame** in 1973.
- **John Ruiz** won a share of the **heavyweight boxing championship** by defeating Evander Holyfield in 2001.
- **Singer Joan Baez** became the first Hispanic American entertainer to grace the **cover of Time magazine** in 1962.

More forces headed to Afghanistan

Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 2006 - Several NATO countries have agreed to send additional forces to Afghanistan to fill the troop requirement agreed upon a year and a half ago, NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe said today.

A conference in Warsaw, Poland, earlier this month with the chiefs of defense from all 26 allied nations yielded no offers of additional support for NATO forces in Afghanistan, but extended negotiations after the conference resulted in definite offers from four countries, U.S. Marine Gen. James L. Jones said at a Pentagon news conference.

These offers, along with several other tentative offers, will

bring the NATO troop level in Afghanistan close to 100 percent of what was agreed upon in the alliance's military plan for Afghanistan, he said. The force is now manned at about 85 percent.

"What we were looking for was the forces that would give depth and robustness to (the commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force) and give him more maneuverability throughout the country," Jones said.

Romania is deploying a battalion, which will arrive in Afghanistan in October and be fully operational by the middle of October, Jones said. This force will constitute the operational reserve for NATO, he said.

In addition, Poland has announced the deployment of a maneuver battalion and special

operations forces beginning in January. Poland has agreed that this battalion can be used as the tactical theater reserve, which Jones has said is necessary to give the NATO commander flexibility in operations.

The United Kingdom and Canada are augmenting their forces in Afghanistan, and NATO is incorporating more Afghan battalions into operations, Jones said. As Afghan army units continue to become operational, they can be useful in freeing up NATO forces for other operations and stay behind to maintain security and enable reconstruction to proceed, he said.

NATO's call for additional forces was not made in desperation, and the recent operations in southern Afghanistan were never in doubt, Jones stressed. The additional forces are part of

an established agreement between the allied countries and will give the NATO commander more options and flexibility, he said.

Operation Medusa in southern Afghanistan concluded last weekend, when Taliban forces retreated from the area, Jones said.

The offensive operation was generated by the Taliban, who decided to engage NATO in its first operational ground test in the area around Kandahar, he said.

The Kandahar region historically has been the center of narcotics operations in Afghanistan and a haven for the Taliban, because it hasn't had a strong government or military presence, Jones said. The arrival of NATO troops in the area in July was a shock to the Taliban and caused them to use more con-

ventional tactics in challenging the troops, he said.

"They paid a very heavy price for it," Jones said. "Our intent throughout was to signal to the insurgents, the government of Afghanistan and the people of the region, as well as to the international community, that NATO forces would not back down from exercising robust and overwhelming combat power when necessary."

After the completion of offensive operations in southern Afghanistan, NATO forces immediately began reconstruction and relief efforts, Jones said.

The U.S. already has made available half a million dollars for these efforts, and NATO is engaged with the international community to enable the return of displaced citizens and set the conditions for long-term recon-

struction and development activities, he said.

"It's important that we understand that the way ahead in Afghanistan is to link any successful operational mission with visible, tangible demonstration of aid and relief available to the local population," he said.

Success in Afghanistan will not be won by the military alone, Jones said. The international community must mobilize to develop the government, police and justice systems, and to combat the narcotics problem to bring lasting change to the country, he said.

"If military action is not followed up by visible, tangible, sizable and correctly focused reconstruction and development efforts, then we will be in Afghanistan for a much longer period of time than we need to be," he said.



Pascual Flores

A need for volunteers

The Fort Dix Spouses Club is always looking for volunteers. The Spouses Club holds a variety of fund raisers to generate money to put back into the Fort Dix community in the form of scholarships and grants. They also run the Thrift Store here on post. The club is open to spouses of civilian employees, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers (all ranks), retired military members, and widows of active-duty military. For more information about joining the spouses club call (609) 723-2748 or E-mail jdukavas@comcast.net.

Chapel to host AFAP conference

The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference will be held at the Main Chapel Oct. 26. The conference will start at 8 a.m. and run until 4:30. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The conference is open to all branches of the military.

What is AFAP? AFAP is your voice. It provides a forum for the military, family members, civilians, and retirees to let military leadership know what works, what doesn't, and what they think will fix it.

What can AFAP do for you?

AFAP continues to improve the standards of living for all military personnel and DoD employees. Local changes have included improvements to Fort Dix roads, office facilities, upgrades in standards of living for deploying Soldiers, changes at the commissary, improved processes for the Case Management Program at the Joint Readiness Center; process improvements at the 35th Medical Clinic; reactivation of the Fort Dix BOSS Program; and reduced fees at Fort Dix Lodging for large families.

Submit your issues for review at the 2006 conference. Subject matter experts from housing privatization, healthcare, and installation directorates will be on site to help attendees make informed decisions, and advise and assist in the development of issues and recommendations.

RSVP Frances Booth NLT 20 October 2006. For more information, Email frances.booth@dix.army.mil or 609-562-3930.

Military sports under review

Tim Hipps
U.S. Army Public Affairs

SPRINGFIELD, Va. - Military representatives from 26 countries reviewed the importance of sports in the military at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire's fourth symposium Sept. 11-14 at the Springfield Hilton.

CISM can best be described as an international Olympic committee for the military. The organization played host this year to world championships for troops around the world in 24 sports, including parachuting and aeronautics, military and naval pentathlons.

"This is a special year for us because CISM at the end of 2006 will have organized 24 military world championships and many regional and continental events," said CISM President Brig. Gen. Gianni Gola of Italy.

"We are considered the unique international sports organization. Thousands and thousands of military athletes and coaches and team captains and chiefs of mission are traveling around the world to attend our events."

In 1951, the United States

joined CISM, which today boasts 127 nations dedicated to "friendship through sports to get to peace," said Army Lt. Gen. James Lovelace Jr., the U.S. CISM chief of delegation.

"The real seeds of this organization started after World War I with General [John] Pershing, but the real development of the organization as we know it today occurred after World War II," Lovelace said.

"It was embraced by Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands as they started this event Feb. 18, 1948."

Despite approaching its 59th anniversary, CISM is not world renowned.

"We are aware of the fact that in our countries many military authorities don't know CISM," said Gola, who sought a solution in Springfield during the symposium themed "Value and Impact of Sports in the Military." "Sport cannot be visual only to the military athletes. Sport is a common value for all of the military personnel."

CISM officials seek a balance between keeping Soldiers fit and competition-ready.

"We have to dedicate an important part of our activity to physical education reform, but

at the same time, we have to promote the competitions," Gola said.

"If we don't have the competitions we are not able to bring people together. I understand that some are saying we need to give priority to physical education and not to the competition. It's not the problem of priority, we need both, but we cannot forget that if we don't have competition, we lose our opportunity. Only competition obliges people to travel."

"If we promote physical education, all the Soldiers can practice physical education at home. There is no need to go to participate for championships. That's why we are insisting, as we do every year, to organize important events to give the athletes an opportunity to compete. Physical education is the base of this, but then we have to compete."

After all, international sports competition is what CISM is all about.

Or is it?

"Our goal to promote universal peace may be too ambitious," Gola said. "But this is the final goal: Through sport and competition, CISM works to promote values, tolerance, friendship and peace."

Retirees

(continued from page 1)

issues and to contact their legislators to support veterans' bills.

Following the briefing was a surprise USO Show for the attendees. Performers sang tunes from the past and present.

Information was available on a myriad of subjects around the room with representatives of different organizations taking time to answer questions and provide needed information.

"I really enjoyed coming. This has been very helpful," said Sonja Sharkey of Edgewater Park, who brought her father, John Sharkey, an Army veteran who had questions about identification cards.

Joe Nowark of Audobon sought guidance on weapons transportation laws on the base from Officer John Walaszek of the DOD Police.

Nowak said it was better to know before you did something you were not sure about and ended up trouble with the law.


"I especially enjoyed the information that the MOAA provided. I found the information on Tri-care and Concurrent Receipt helpful. They need more work on those issues. The girls from the USO are very entertaining as well," said Jim Bullock III of Columbus, who served in Viet Nam from 1966 to 1967 with the 25th Infantry Division.

When the USO Show ended those who had signed up ended the day's activities with a luncheon at Club Dix.

For more information about retiree health care benefits, legislative issues that are before the state and federal legislative bodies, and other retiree issues visit MOAA's web-site at <http://www.moaa.org>.

Read The Post!

Announcements



WDIX
Commander's
Channel 2

Post Shuttle Bus
562-5888
Monday to Sunday - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
During the day Starr Tour buses are used, in evening the military Bluebird buses are run.

Dix Shoppette/Class Six/ Gas Station
723-0044
Bldg. 5359, Texas Ave.
Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BX/PX & Mail
723-6100
Monday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary
754-4154
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. (early bird) to 8 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Military Clothing/Sales Store-Alterations
723-2307
Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

Club Dix
723-3272
Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Revolutions Lounge
Opens 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday
Karaoke every Thursday at 8 p.m.

Recreation Center
562-4936
Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.
AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee

Dining Facilities
Bldgs. 5640 and 5986
Breakfast Mon - Sun 5:30 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Mon - Sun 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Dinner Mon - Sun 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5985 (FOB)
Breakfast Mon - Sun 5 to 6:30 a.m.
Dinner Mon - Sun 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation
562-6667
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Equipment for rent includes skis, snowboards, canoes, flat bottom boats, canopies of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.

Computer Lab
562-5228
Delaware Ave. & First St.
Tuesday to Friday - 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday - 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

McGuire Gas Station
723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Firestone
723-0464
Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

McGuire Shoppette
723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday - 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Burger King 723-8937
Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Spouses' Club Thrift Shop
723-2683
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Family Advocacy
562-5200
Chaplain
562-5721/2020
American Red Cross
562-2258
Army Emergency Relief
562-2767



Movie Schedule
at the McGuire AFB Theatre
Movie Hotline 754-5139

Friday, Sept. 22 @ 7:30 p.m.
Step Up - Starring: Channing Tatum, Jenna Dewan, Mario, Damaine Radcliff, and more
Everyone deserves a chance to follow their dreams, but some people only get one shot. Tyler Gage (Channing Tatum) is a rebel from the wrong side of Baltimore's tracks - and the only thing that stands between him and an unfulfilled life are his dreams of one day making it out of there.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - thematic elements, brief violence and innuendo

Run Time: 1 hr. 38 min.

Saturday, Sept. 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
Snake on a Plane - Samuel L. Jackson, Julianna Margulies, Kenan Thompson, Julianna Margulies
An assassin lets loose a bunch of lethal snakes on board a passenger plane cruising over the Pacific Ocean. He hopes the venomous creatures will kill a witness in protective custody. Meanwhile, the first-time pilot and the scared passengers must join together in order to survive.

MPAA Rating: R - language, a scene of sexual-ity and drug use, and intense sequences of terror and violence

Run Time: 1 hr. 46 min.

Main Chapel

562-5791/562-2020

Sunday services

Protestant at 9 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. **Gospel** at 11:30 a.m.
Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.
Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer Services
held at noon, Monday through Thursday - Room 24

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel
hold a **Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Jewish Services
Shabbat held every first and third Friday evening at 6 p.m. followed by KIDDUSH Fellowship
Holiday Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday, September 22 - Evening Service- 6:30p.m

Saturday, September 23 - Morning Service- 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 24 - Morning Service- 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 (Bldg. 5950)

562-4847

Memorial Prayer Service for Our Soldiers
5:45 p.m. each Sunday
Computer Room: Mon. - Fri.
9 a.m. - noon / 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.
Infant Baptism and Lutheran Confirmation
Instruction by appointment

Organizations

Register for yard sales

Any resident in housing must register for a Yard Sale permit at the Youth Center at 1279 Locust Street. The permit cost \$5 and are free to members of Club Dix or the Fountain Green Golf Course. The permit must be posted outside your quarters, but no other signs may be placed in housing area. **Call 562-5061** for the Yard Sale information. introduction.

CYS Program Vacancies

Child and Youth Services has slots available in full day care for children ages two to five years old. Openings are also available for before and after school care for youths in kindergarten through eighth grade. For more information call **562-4702**.

Fort Dix Mentor Program

All mentors—seasoned, new, or those wishing to apply or learn more about the Fort Dix Mentoring Program. For information call Anna Cooper, school liaison officer, at **562-6271**. Make a difference in a child's life.

Black History committee

The Fort Dix Black History Observance Committee is looking for volunteers to help with annual celebrations. Call Ray Marshall-Dease at 562-2666 for more information.

Playgroups for age 4 and under

Are you interested in forming a free playgroup for children 4 years and under? We have the ideal place to hold weekly meetings in our child care room in the Fort Dix Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry building 5203 Maryland Ave. Parents need to come with their children to play with them and share experiences and ideas with other parents. This is a great time to allow your child and yourself some social interaction. If interested, please call 562-2242/4702.

ACS Announces Up-coming Classes

Solving the Mysteries of Credit Seminar
Monday, Oct. 2
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Securing Your Financial Freedom
Tuesday, Oct. 3
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

It's Your Move: A Game Plan for Investing
Thursday, Oct. 5 & 19, Wednesday, Nov. 1
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

24-hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault.....562-3849
Victim Advocacy.....694-8724
Child/Spousal Abuse.....562-6001
Emergencies.....911

Or, visit the Fort Dix Department of Defense Police Department in Bldg. 6049 on 8th Street.

FORT DIX WANTS YOU



TO BE A MAYOR!

CALL 562-2767

Army Community Service

Bldg. 5201
562-2767

Hours of Operation:
7:45 - 4:30 p.m.

September Schedule

Parenting During the Early Years

Tuesdays - 6 - 8 p.m.
Participants must commit to attending all (10) sessions.
Sessions Begin on September 19

Parent Child Play Groups

at CDC 1; MAFB
Mondays and Wednesdays
11 - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Series
at Fort Dix Elementary School
Thursdays

Coming Soon

'Parenting in the early years' workshops are coming to ACS in **September**. For more information contact Deraurah Wilson at 562-4830.

Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street
562-5061

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday & Monday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:
Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

September Schedule

September 22

Arts & Crafts
3:35 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

September 22, 25 - 28

Power Hour
2:30 - 6 p.m.
Computer Lab
4 - 6 p.m.

September 26
Start Smart
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

September 27
Sports and Fitness
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Tech Club
4 - 5 p.m.

September 28
Torch Club
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Attention:

The Teen Center will be CLOSED on Saturday, September 30 for Youth Leadership Forum "Teen Fiesta"

Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

Saluting stellar service by superior Soldiers



Carolee Nishet
Staff Sgt. Michael Hanna, 1/178th Infantry, South Carolina National Guard, receives best wishes and a Purple Heart from Col. Doug Dinon, deputy Fort Dix commander for mobilization, at a C Co. ceremony Sept. 19. Hanna was wounded Nov. 10, 2005, during a rocket attack on his convoy in Iraq.



Mobilization Readiness Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Cynthia Palinski pins a Good Conduct Medal on Master Sgt. Michael Merrill during the monthly awards ceremony at Club Dix Sept. 20.

photos by Steve Snyder, Public Affairs Staff



Lt. Col. Palinski presents Staff Sgt. Alejandro Tomlinson with an Army Achievement Medal for being an honors graduate in the rugged Supply school course.



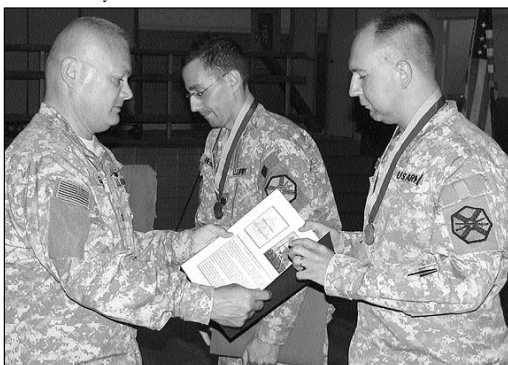
MRB Commander Lt. Col. Palinski pins Good Conduct Medal on 1st Sgt. Anthony Corcora during the Awards ceremony held at Club Dix Sept. 20.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Jackson receives a Good Conduct Medal from the commander of the Mobilization Readiness Battalion.



Col. Douglas Dinon, deputy Fort Dix commander for Mobilization, left, joins Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson in holding a picture of the Transportation Corps in action which was donated to Fort Dix by departing Col. John Gifford, right, at the awards ceremony at Club Dix.



Col. Gifford presents ribbons to Maj. Brian Gilpatrick, executive officer for MRB, center, and Capt. Mitchell Wisniewski, commander of MRB's A Co., right, officially inducting them into the Order of Samuel Sharpe and St. Christopher, respectively, traditional awards held in high esteem by the Transportation Corps.

Looking for perfection, Midgets are 2-0

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

Heading into last weekend's football game, both the Pee-wee and Midget teams from Fort Dix were undefeated. When the dust settled after hosting the New Egypt Warriors, only the Midget team remained perfect at 2-0, after a big 36-0 victory.

The Midgets are enjoying their early success as they sit

atop the Burlington County Pop Warner League.

For the Pee-wees, remaining perfect was not to be, as they lost 13-0.

"It was a disappointing game for us," said Pee-wee coach Steve Uzleber.

Still, Uzleber was able to hold his head high as his team left the playing field, knowing his team was able to pull something from the loss.

"Losing isn't always bad as

long as we learn something from it. Regardless of the outcome of any game I am always proud to be part of the team," added the coach.

The Chargers were undersized compared to the Warriors, but still managed to hold New Egypt to two scores.

"New Egypt is a well drilled and coached team," said Uzleber. "They're a big team with no 10 year olds. Our guys played hard but made some mistakes. We hope to make improvements this week in practice."

The Chargers will have to move ahead for the upcoming game against Florence without one of their star players, who was injured during the game against New Egypt.

"We were also hurt by losing one of our best players Anthony Shoffner due to a foot injury," said Uzleber. "He will be out at least the next game."

There are plenty of other stand-out players for the Fort Dix Pee-wees, and the coach mentioned Brandon Hawkins, Chase Guerin, and Carlton Wright as having exceptional games despite the loss.

In the Mitey-Mite division, there are a bunch of new faces for the Chargers. The coaches are new and most of the players from last year's team have moved up to the Pee-wee class.

"We're a very young football



FLEET-FOOTED -- Lasanna Brew, above, outruns the defense on a 60-yard touchdown for the Chargers. The Mitey-Mites are still looking for their first win. Kevin Rafferty, right, displays a look of determination as he lines up for a play in the Pee-wee division. The Pee-wees played against a tough New Egypt team. Coach Steve Uzleber, far right, addresses his team during the half. The Chargers played hard but lost 13-0. Fort Dix is now 1-1 in the Pee-wee division.



photos by Ed Mingin

TOUGH YARDS -- John Alford tries to get a few more yards out of a running play.

team with 24 new players out of 26," said Mitey-Might head coach Andy Middleton.

The Mitey-Mites played hard against New Egypt, but fell short 13-6. Their lone score came from Lasanna Brew, who scampered 60-yards along the sideline to reach the endzone.

"Lasanna Brew is a really good running back. I call him my little Herschel Walker. The key to that play was that everybody was blocking - that opened up a hole for Lasanna to run," explained Middleton.

The Mitey-Mites have shown a lot of heart in their two games

this season, and have a solid foundation from which they can build.

"One area we are trying to improve on is offensive plays - getting up to the line of scrimmage. The players and their parents should be very proud of themselves!" said Middleton.



Ed Mingin

Air time

Fort Dix Child and Youth Services held a Boy's and Girl's Club day this past Saturday at the CYS building. There were many activities to keep kids and families occupied.

One of the more popular family activities was the family relay. Four-year-old Herbert Johnson, at left, is shown getting in a few baskets to warmup before the relays started. Youth Sports was also at the event, and hosted a punt, pass and kick competition. Lonnie Brown, 12, topped all competitors when he hurled a 30-yard pass to win the event. The punt portion was a tight battle at the start. Then 16-year-old Carlton Williamson booted a 36-yard punt to grab the top honors.

Volleyball and basketball games were also a part of the fun during the Sept. 16 event.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House
Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Doughboy Gym
Newport Ave.
Monday - Friday
5 to 9 p.m.
Closed weekends

Aquatics
Winter hours are now in place for the indoor pool.

Lap Swim
Mon. - Fri.
Retirees/adult dependents/
working DOD
6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Active duty/ working DOD
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sat.
Retirees/adult dependents/
working DOD
10:30 a.m. - noon

Rec. Swim
Mon. - Fri.
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat.
Noon - 6 p.m.

Fees for Rec. Swim: Military - \$2 Non-military - \$4

Hydro Aerobics
Mon. and Wed.
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Sat.
10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$3 per visit.

Local track offers military discount

Once again New Egypt Speedway is offering a discount off the price of an adult

admission ticket to all active duty military personnel and their spouses, with proper ID. The military discount is for Saturday night racing programs at the track located on Route 539 in Plumsted Twp.

This Saturday night is the final race of the regular season. Next weekend is a special "run what ya bring" race, were the normal rules don't apply.

For more info visit the track's website at www.newegyptspeedway.net.

Chargers Football

The Fort Dix Chargers will travel to Florence for a game on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Sept. 30 will see the Pee-wees at New Egypt. The Mitey-Mites play at RV Oct. 1.

The Midgets have a bye.



Big field shows for Fall Classic Fun Run



Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

They weren't expecting a big crowd at first. Then at the last minute, a whole crowd showed up to participate in the Fall Classic Fun Run, hosted by the Griffith Field House.

"We only had nine people signed up yesterday, but we didn't panic," said Bill Marshall, director of the Griffith Field House.

Marshall has been through this before. He knew there would be more runners showing up just before the start of the race, which started at noon.

"I knew a few more would come today, just before the event starts. We always get a few."

They got more than a few, as a bunch of participants came.

"We ended up with 55 runners," said Marshall.

"I thought maybe we'd get a total of 20 runners. I was surprised this many showed up."

NO SWEAT — Runners gathered for the Fall Classic Fun Run. Top male finishers were Maj. Scott Fitzgerald, top left, Capt. Bryan Dunker, far left, Sgt. Cooper Widener, near left. Staff Sgt. Tasha Viet, top right, was the first female, followed by January Rodriguez, near right, and Maj. Rosa Carmona-Barros, far right.

The weather was nearly perfect when the runners started. It was a little windy, but the temperature was perfect.

Maj. Scott Fitzgerald led all runners across the finish line with a time of 19:41 in the 5k race.

Following close behind the Major were Capt. Bryan Dunker at 20:14, and Sgt. Cooper Widener at 20:27.

Staff Sgt. Tasha Viet was the top female finisher, completing the run at 22:49.

Sgt. 1st Class January Rodriguez was the second female finisher at 24:16, followed by Maj. Rosa Carmona-Barros at 24:27.

Runners will have the chance for one more Griffith Field House Fun Run later this year.

"The Turkey Trot is coming up Nov. 21," said Armstrong. "We'll give away a few turkeys at the run."

For more information about the Turkey Trot, or any other Griffith Field House event, call 562-4888.



(photos by Ed Mingin)

